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Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 100 Clinton Street, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: The Clinton Hotel is a four-story, three-bay brick corner building. The elaborate iron cornice with a pediment detail has the letter "C" in the center of the pediment. The first floor has been converted into a streamline moderne-style bar with glass bricks and neon signage.

History: The date stone on the building reads 1890. Throughout its history the building has always been either a hotel or apartments, with a saloon on the ground floor. Over the years laborers, superintendents, bartenders, and seamstresses have lived in the building; in 1959 every tenant in the building was a pensioner. Because of its proximity to the Gautier works, this hotel, along with the others around the corner, has always enjoyed a somewhat dubious reputation.

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